



Movers had to make adjustments to their normal routine to move this pioneer cabin to its new location.

Pioneer cabin has new home

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MONA — An old log cabin which was once the home of Oscar McConkie, grandfather of LDS apostle and scholar, Bruce R. McConkie, has been donated to the Daughters of the Pioneers.

Recently, the more than century old log cabin was moved from the lot where it had been for more than 60 years to a new home at the Pioneer Cemetery in Mona where it will stand beside a

Melvin remembered the cabin being rolled up the center of the then dirt street on logs from its original location about a block and a half away. His folks purchased the old cabin to use as a grainery and, therefore, a hole was made in the roof so the grain could be dropped inside. In addition, a concrete floor was laid.

At one time, the cabin had a loft, but it is no longer there.

The new move was in keep-

As the Valgardsons began the process of lifting the cabin from the earth where it rested, it creaked, groined and popped. But the cabin was moved intact from the one lot to the other.

Ray and Bill Valgardson said special precautions were taken with the ancient structure. "We did a lot of reinforcing," said Ray.

Inside, the movers nailed wooden bracing to keep the building from shifting as it was moved.

before the cabin was moved. A hole was made in the more sturdy log and the bottom logs were tied to it.

The cabin was taken to the Pioneer Cemetery, a cemetery which was used only until 1869 and where only 20 people are buried. The first person was buried there in 1853 and then, the few ranchers in the area were called into Nephi until the Indian uprising was over and it was safe to return to Mona once again.



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County Republicans open headquarters

The grand opening of the Republican headquarters for Utah County will be Monday, 6:30 p.m.

The office, located at 235 N. University Ave., Provo, will also be the official headquarters of the Nielson Re-election Committee, and the local office for the Bush for President, Senator Hatch re-election committee, and Governor Bangert's Utah County campaign.

Governor Norman Bangert, Congressman Howard Nielson, and Utah County Republican Chairman Steve Shallenberger will address those attending the grand opening event. The Republican Party local leadership, including representatives from the Bush for President, Senator Hatch Re-election Committee, and other local Republican candidates and officers, will

also be in attendance to meet the public.

"We plan on making this an important event which can be enjoyed by the whole family," explained Steve Shallenberger, Utah County Republican chairman. "We believe the more individuals compare the major parties, the more they will realize that the Republican Party best represents the philosophy of the citizens of Utah County."

Shallenberger continues, "Available at the campaign headquarters will be the publican platform, as well as banners, bumper stickers, and literature on the various candidates."

Further information can be provided by calling 224-1717, the Utah County Republican Party, or 225-9000.

One week needs a home

At the Pioneer Cemetery the McConkie cabin was placed on a concrete foundation. Located on the community's main street, the cabin will now be more easily available to those wanting to visit. Myra said the cabin would be restored.

"It takes some skill," agreed Bill. Although the pair said they moved homes of all types, moving the cabin created some unique challenges. For example, the bottom log, which rested against the ground, was so old the Valgardsons used the next log up to chain to the steel beams

logs had grown even older. In the years the cabin stood next to the Kay home the traveling on asphalt roads. The cabin was lifted on steel beams and was hauled to the new site on a flatbed trailer. The cabin was lifted on steel beams and was hauled to the new site on a flatbed trailer. The cabin was lifted on steel beams and was hauled to the new site on a flatbed trailer.

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sod-roofed one room cabin. Melvin and Myra Kay, owners of the cabin, donated the structure to the DUP. "This was the second move for the cabin," said Myra. "It was moved to this lot when my husband was 9 or 10," she said.